

a serpentine shaped handle which is pivotally coupled to said second portion of said support member; and

a pair of substantially identical severing members which are pivotally coupled to said second portion and to said handle, effective to move said pair of severing members to a first open position when said handle is moved away from said support member and to an second closed position when said handle is moved toward said support member.

Claim 13 (new)

The assembly of claim 12 wherein said support member further comprises a pair of feet, which cooperate with said support member to support said metal stud reception portion.

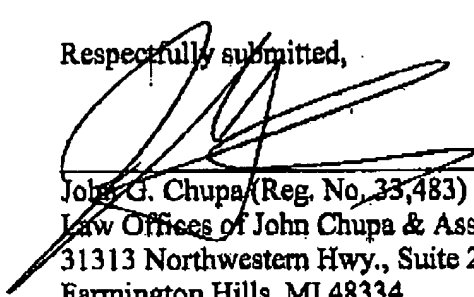
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Claim 14 (new)

The assembly of claim 12 wherein said metal stud reception portion has a longitudinal axis of symmetry which is disposed in a first direction and said support member and said handle each have longitudinal axes of symmetry which are orthogonal to said first direction.

Claim 15 (new)

The assembly of claim 12 wherein each of said pair of severing members have a first and a second sharp edged engagement members, wherein said first and second engagement members face toward said metal stud reception portion when said severing members are in said second closed position.

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